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Mr. Dave Lazarides
Acting Director of Processing
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capitol Avenue
Springfield, Illinois 62701

objection
to Petition

Re: Union Pacific Railroad Company, Petitioner
Vs.
Stevenson Township, Marion County, Respondent
Petition for Closure of Crossing (DOT 167 765N), C.J. Heck Road

Dear Mr. Lazarides:

Please be advised, that Marion County and Stevenson Road District, of Marion County, are in receipt of a copy of your letter, dated December 14, 2006, regarding a petition filed December 14, 2006, for an order authorizing closure of a grade crossing (DOT 167 765N) at the intersection of the petitioner's tracks and TR 277, 750N, C.J. Heck Road.


Be further advised that no contact has been made by the Railroad to Stevenson Road District nor the County regarding this proposed closure, however, Stevenson Road District and the County of Marion are strongly opposed to any such action and respectfully request said petition be denied, as it is believed that this action would not be in the best interest of the Road District, Marion County, the citizens of said Road District and County, the citizens of the State of Illinois, or traveling public.

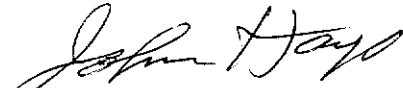
Stevenson Road District Commissioner and the Marion County Engineer would be more than happy to meet with a representative of the Commission to review the crossings and further explain our concerns in this matter.

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Very truly yours,


Jerry E. Cunningham, P.E.
Marion County Engineer


Mr. John Hays, Road Commissioner
Stevenson Road District, County of Marion

Cc: Mr. Roy P. Farwell, General Attorney, UP
Mr. Mack Shumate, UP
Mr. Dave McKernan, UP
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